

TESTIMONY

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

ASSEMBLY BILL 195

REP. JOHN TOWNSEND

JULY 19, 2007

Thank you, Mr. Chair and members for the opportunity to testify on behalf of AB 195.

This bill allows vehicles equipped with mobile emergency communication equipment that are owned by amateur radio organizations, and operated by persons with amateur radio licenses, to be registered for five years upon payment of a \$5 registration fee.

Current law already permits this same special registration fee for vehicles such as blood bank vehicles, volunteer fire department fire trucks and trailers, certain vehicles that dispense food and drink at a disaster site, and other vehicles.

This bill does not permit a person with a HAM radio, CB radio, or cell phone in their personal vehicle to register it for \$5.

Why provide this privilege? Amateur radio enthusiasts are an important part of our disaster communications in Wisconsin. They volunteer their time and resources to provide backup communications in disaster and other emergency situations. They participate in emergency exercises with the Wisconsin Department of Emergency Management. Amateur radio organizations that own and maintain vehicles with communication equipment do so at their own expense. I feel they should be considered emergency response vehicles and should be allowed this special registration privilege.

The information packets you have before you contain endorsements of the bill, and further information about amateur radio in Wisconsin.

I am happy to entertain your questions.



Stephen Smith - W9GPI
ARES/RACES Emergency Coordinator
for Fond du Lac County

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February 18, 2007

Representative John Townsend
Room 22 West, State Capitol
PO Box 8953
Madison, WI 53708-8953

Dear Sir:


I am writing in support of LRB-0410/1, a bill to create 341.26 (2) (p) of the Wisconsin Statutes: Registration for vehicles equipped with mobile emergency communication equipment.

Thank you very much for proposing this legislation. As ARES/RACES EC for Fond du Lac County, I assure you that both your support and this legislation are important to our efforts to provide reliable disaster communications in Fond du Lac County.

As you know, the Fond du Lac Amateur Radio Club maintains a Communications Van that they make available to my group for drills and disaster response activities. They currently pay about \$125 a year in vehicle license fees for the Van. Passage of your bill will enable them to redirect almost \$120 per year to improving and/or equipping their Van. Every little bit helps, as you know.

Thank you very much for your efforts in this matter.

Sincerely yours,



Stephen Smith

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February 15, 2007

Representative John Townsend
Room 22 West, State Capitol
PO Box 8953
Madison, WI 53708-8953

Dear John:

I am writing in support of LRB-0410/1, a bill to create 341.26 (2) (p) of the Wisconsin Statutes: Registration for vehicles equipped with mobile emergency communication equipment.

Thank you very much for proposing this legislation. As president of the Fond du Lac Amateur Radio Club, I can assure you that both your support and this legislation are very important to my fellow 'ham' radio operators.

Our Communications Van is equipped to enable our response to a disaster in Fond du Lac County that disables or overloads normal communications systems. We also use the Van in support of our work with the local chapter of the American Red Cross and in support of county bike races, marathons, parades and other public service events.

The expenses we incur equipping and maintaining our Communications Van are paid for by member contributions and fund-raising brat fries that Club members conduct during the year. License fees for the van currently run over \$120 annually, so your "\$5 for five years" proposal would enable us to redirect almost \$500 over a five year period to additional radio equipment and/or maintenance of the van.

We have asked other 'ham' radio clubs in the State to write their Representatives in support of this legislation and wish you success in finding co-sponsors and getting it passed this year.

Thank you very much for your effort and help with this bill.

Sincerely yours,

Gene Olig KD9ZP
President

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from: Hernbrode, Richard A (GE Healthcare, consultant) [Richard.Hernbrode@med.ge.com]
sent: Monday, February 12, 2007 7:07 AM
to: Rep.Townsend
subject: thank you

Thank you, and we support you on this. I have e-mailed my senator and representative.

John Townsend, State Representative to the WI Legislature from Fond du Lac, is working on a Bill, to create 341.26 (2) (p) of the statutes; that would change the Motor Vehicle License (registration) late fee from \$55 or more per year to \$5 for five years for "a motor vehicle that is equipped with mobile emergency communication equipment, that is owned by an amateur radio organization and that is operated by a person who holds an un-expired amateur radio license issued by the Federal Communications Commission."

Please back this bill.

Thank you,

Richard Hernbrode

JB9WJH

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Leosho, WI 53059

From: Getter, Lori - DMA
Sent: Thursday, July 12, 2007 3:26 PM
To: Flynn, John
Subject: HAM Radio Info

Attachments: Proclamation 2007 Large.jpg

Hi John,

Here is some information on the HAM Operators – including this year's proclamation for Amateur Radio Operator Recognition days.

Mike Sharpe who is the assistant to their President will be contacting you.

Radio operators play a large role in the support for public safety – During severe weather – HAM operators assist the National Weather Service (NWS) by storm spotting and reporting information to the NWS such as funnel clouds, size of hail, etc. .

In Emergency Management – we view Amateur Radio as an important part of our warning & communications planning efforts. They could be used in the event regular comm. Equipment fail such as telephones, cell phones, computers.

Here at WI Emergency Management we have a "Ham Shack" area with all the radios – volunteers not only conduct communications tests with FEMA and U.S. Dept. of Homeland Security – they also assist WI Dept. of Public Health & Human Services with their emergency communications planning as well as communications testing with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Many hospitals have set up amateur radio stations which means there will always be a solid redundant communications backbone should there be a major health need response for Wisconsin

HAM operators participate in all phases of emergency management from assisting in the development of emergency communications plans, attending training and participating in exercises as well as the real event.

I hope this helps....Lori Getter

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A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, during times of national, state and local emergencies, amateur radio operators continue to provide communication resources at no cost to Wisconsin taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, there continues to be a need for amateur radio operators to provide emergency communication capabilities as a primary and backup resource during local, state and national emergencies; and

WHEREAS, Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES) and the Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) work with the Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services to provide emergency communications support to medical facilities throughout Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, amateur radio clubs throughout Wisconsin provide courses of instruction in the radio art, encourage and assist with grade school and high school programs about amateur radio, and in the process, enhance student interest in science, geography and physics, thus providing the opportunity to become a licensed amateur radio operator; and

WHEREAS, amateur radio operators, participating in SKYWARN provide trained and radio equipped severe weather spotters to assist the National Weather Service and the State of Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, amateur radio organizations such as the Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES) and the Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) are organized and trained in accordance with the National Incident Management System (NIMS) to most effectively provide emergency communication support; and

WHEREAS, amateur radio organizations such as Amateur Radio Emergency Services (ARES) provide communication support for community and public service events to help ensure the safety of attendees, participants and observers alike; and

WHEREAS, amateur radio operators test their capability to operate "in the field" using alternate power sources during "Field Day" each June;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jim Doyle, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim June 23 and 24, 2007


AMATEUR RADIO OPERATOR RECOGNITION DAYS

In the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all citizens.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this twenty ninth day of January in the year two thousand seven.


JIM DOYLE

By the Governor


DOUGLAS LA PLLETTE
Secretary of State

W.E.M. EOC Radio Room (Hamshack) Activation Plan

Effective 27 January 2007

In case of a national or state emergency, the following Activation Plan will be implemented, upon the request of the Administrator, Wisconsin Emergency Management, or the WEM Duty Officer.

- 1) The hamshack callsign for all modes is WC9AAG.
- 2) Upon activation, Joe Senulis, N9TWA, will coordinate the staffing of the hamshack. ARES/RACES/MARS volunteers will operate the hamshack. MARS support will be in accordance with their Memorandum of Understanding with the Wisconsin National Guard. HF ARES/RACES operator support for the Wisconsin National Guard will be coordinated through the WEM Warning and Communications Officer.
- 3) Radio frequencies will be monitored as follows:
 - a) HF:
 - i) Phone: Primary 3977.50 kHz LSB, 1st Alt 3975 kHz LSB, 2nd Alt 7250 kHz LSB, 3rd Alt 7245 kHz LSB
Note: HF phone frequencies will be adjusted for changing band conditions.
 - ii) Emergency bulletins, frequency updates, situation reports, and the like will be disseminated using the HF Badger Emergency Network (BEN): Primary: 3985 kHz LSB, Alternate dependent on band conditions.
 - iii) Digital:
 - (1) BPSK63: Primary: 3528.50 kHz USB, Alt: 7077.50 kHz USB
 - (2) BPSK31: 1st Alternate: Primary: 3533.5 kHz USB, Alt: 7077.50 kHz USB
 - (3) MT63: 2nd Alternate: Primary: 3542.5 kHz USB, Alt: 7077.50 kHz USB
 - (4) PacTOR: 3rd Alternate: Primary 7087 kHz LSB; CW: 3555 KHz.
 - b) VHF voice repeaters:
Madison: 147.150 MHz (PL 123.0), Baraboo: 146.880 MHz (PL 123.0), Appleton: 146.760 MHz (PL 100.0)
 - c) VHF/UHF ARES/RACES Packet Station (WC9AAG) 24/7 operation: 145.610 MHz or 446.100 MHz
Packet Mail: wc9aag@wc9aag.en53ja.wi.usa.noam
Node: ARWEM (WC9AAG-11)
 - d) WINLINK: 145.610 MHz and 446.100 MHz (WC9AAG-5); APRS: 144.390 MHz. All are 24/7.
 - e) UHF Phone:
Southern Wisconsin Repeater Group
Madison: 443.400 MHz (PL 123.0), North Freedom: 443.675 MHz (PL 114.8)
W.I.N. UHF Backbone Network Check <http://www.winetwork.org> for your local link.
- 4) WEM hamshack contacts:
 - a) Routine e-mail: wc9aag@dma.state.wi.us
 - b) EMERGENCY/DRILL e-mail: dma.wemhams@dma.state.wi.us or WDMAWEMHAMS@WINLINK.ORG
 - c) Phone with voice mail, 24/7 : 1-608-242-3323 or 1-800-344-9219 x 23323
- 5) State Chief RACES Radio Officer / ARRL WI SEC
 - a) William Niemuth, KB9ENO
bn Niemuth@new.rr.com or (H) 1-920-779-0611, (C) 1-920-475-4819
 - b) WI ARES/RACES website <http://www.wi-aresraces.org/>
- 6) Deputy State Radio RACES Officer/State ASEC
Joe Senulis, N9TWA
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- 7) State ARRL Section Manager
Don Michalski, W9IXG
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- 8) WEM Points of Contact:
WEM Duty Officer: (C) 1-608-516-0317, (P) 1-608-376-1600; WEM 24 Hr EMERGENCY Hotline: 1-800-943-0003
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NOTE: The frequencies listed in this plan are implemented upon hamshack activation.

VHF/UHF repeaters will be changed to coincide with the site of the emergency.

For Winlink 2000 information, see url <http://www.winlink.org/Emergency.htm>.

Until an acceptable digital standard can be found and deployed broadly within Wisconsin, WEM will use whatever digital mode can best be used by the affected county, if the disaster or emergency is local. Regional, statewide, or national disasters will use BPSK63.

(This plan supersedes the previous W.E.M. EOC Radio Room (Hamshack) Activation Plan dated 1 July 2006.)

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Wisconsin Amateur Radio Clubs

(43 WI Ham Radio Clubs Found)

HAM RADIO CLUB NAME	CALL
<u>BADGER CONTESTERS</u>	KB9C
BAY AREA WIRELESS ASSN	NR9KI
BELDENVILLE AMATEUR TELEVISION	
<u>BLUFF COUNTRY DX ASSN</u>	W9IDX
<u>BOZO AMATEUR RADIO FRATERNITY</u>	AB0ZO
CALUMET AR EMERG SERVICE	
<u>CHIPPEWA VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB</u>	W9CVA
<u>EAU CLAIRE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB</u>	W9EAU
<u>FOND DU LAC AMATEUR RADIO CLUB</u>	W9EBV
<u>FOUR LAKES AMATEUR RADIO CLUB</u>	W9JZ
<u>FOX CITIES AMATEUR RADIO CLUB</u>	W9ZL
GOODRICH HIGH SCHOOL AMATEUR RADIO CLUB	WB9PNL
<u>GREATER MILWAUKEE DX ASSN</u>	KB9VMW
GREEN COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO ASSN	NR9W
<u>HIDDEN VALLEYS AMATEUR RADIO CLUB</u>	KC9KQ
<u>LA CROSSE HAMS SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP</u>	
<u>LAKES AREA AMATEUR RADIO CLUB</u>	KB9LBR
<u>LAKESHORE REPEATER ASSN</u>	KR9RK
LOCAL EMERG FIELD RADIO OP GROUP	KA9WRL
<u>M&M AMATEUR RADIO CLUB</u>	W8PIF
MADISON DX CLUB	W9BG
<u>MANCORAD AMATEUR RADIO CLUB</u>	W9DK
<u>MENOMONEE FALLS AMATEUR RADIO CLUB</u>	K9RHH
<u>MILWAUKEE RADIO AMATEURS CLUB</u>	W9RH
<u>NORTHEAST WISCONSIN DX ASSN</u>	W9DXA
NORTHLAND AMATEUR RADIO CLUB	W9BCY
<u>OZAUKEE RADIO CLUB</u>	W9CQO
PINERY ROAD AMATEUR RADIO CLUB	
<u>RACINE MEGACYCLE CLUB</u>	W9UDU
<u>RED CEDAR REPEATER ASSN</u>	K9KGB
<u>RIB MOUNTAIN REPEATER ASSN</u>	W9BCC
<u>RIVERLAND AMATEUR RADIO CLUB</u>	WR9ARC
<u>ROCK RIVER RADIO CLUB</u>	W9TCH
<u>SHEBOYGAN COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB</u>	KB9ZUO
<u>SOUTH MILWAUKEE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB</u>	WA9TXE
TRI-COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB	W9MQB
UNIV OF WISCONSIN SUPERIOR ARC	KB9VPA
W/K AMATEUR RADIO CLUB	
<u>WATERTOWN AMATEUR RADIO CLUB</u>	
<u>WEST ALLIS RADIO AC</u>	W9FK
WISCONSIN NETS ASSN LTD	
<u>WISCONSIN VALLEY RADIO ASSN</u>	W9SM
<u>YELLOW THUNDER AMATEUR RADIO CLUB</u>	WB9FDZ

Affiliated Club Search

This page will help you find an ARRL affiliated club near you.

Errors in the data? Please report them to clubs@arrl.org

37 clubs found in state **WI**, listed alphabetically by **city**

Notes:

- **[SSC]** = Special Service Club
- Each club name is a link to a detail page that contains full information about the club.
- If "Other" is shown in the **Services** field, the detail page shows the specific services.

Name: FOX CITIES AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC. **[SSC]**

Specialties: General Interest, Contest, Repeater, Digital Modes, Public Service/Emergency Comms, VHF/UHF

Call sign: W9ZL

Services: Help for newcomers, Entry-level classes, RFI help, Other

Address: PO BOX 2346

APPLETON, WI 54912-5233

Contact: FRANK J LIVERMORE, N9LT

Phone: (920) 968-4685 **(D)** (920) 968-4685 **(N)**

Web: <http://www.fcarrc.us>

E-mail: flivermore@new.rr.com

Name: NORTHEAST WISCONSIN DX ASSN

Specialties: Contest, DX

Call sign: W9DXA

Services: Help for newcomers, Other

Address: 2113 W TWIN WILLOWS DR

APPLETON, WI 54914-6864

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Name: POLK COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION

Specialties: General Interest, Contest, Repeater, Digital Modes, Public Service/Emergency Comms, VHF/UHF

Call sign: KC9DMY

Services: Help for newcomers, Other

Address: 1732 FOREST CIR

BALSAM LAKE, WI 54810-7219

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Name: BELDENVILLE AMATEUR TELEVISION SOCIETY

Specialties: General Interest, Repeater, Public Service/Emergency Comms, VHF/UHF

Services: Help for newcomers, Entry-level classes, Higher-level classes, Other

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BELDENVILLE, WI 54003

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Name: CHIPPEWA VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC

Specialties: General Interest, Contest, DX, Repeater, Digital Modes, School/Youth, Public Service/Emergency Comms, VHF/UHF

Call sign: W9CVA

Services: Help for newcomers, Other

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Web: <http://www.w9cva.org>

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Name: BADGER CONTESTERS

Specialties: Contest, VHF/UHF

Call sign: KB9C

Services: Help for newcomers, Other

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COLGATE, WI 53017-9502

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Web: <http://www.qsl.net/bc/>

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Name: EAU CLAIRE ARC INC.

Specialties: General Interest, Contest, DX, Repeater, Digital Modes, School/Youth, Public Service/Emergency Comms, VHF/UHF

Call sign: W9EAU

Services: Help for newcomers, Entry-level classes, Higher-level classes, RFI help, Other

Address: PO BOX 1867

EAU CLAIRE, WI 54702-1867

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Web: <http://www.ecarc.org>

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Name: CHIPPEWA VALLEY VHF CONTESTERS

Specialties: General Interest, Contest, DX, VHF/UHF

Call sign: K9CVC

Services: Help for newcomers, Entry-level classes, Higher-level classes, Other

Address: 818 REVERE ST

EAU CLAIRE, WI 54703-6105

Contact: DAVID R AHO, N9TTX

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Name: LAKES AREA ARC

Specialties: General Interest, Repeater, Digital Modes, Public Service/Emergency Comms

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Services: Help for newcomers, Entry-level classes, Other

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ELKHORN, WI 53121-9634

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Name: FOND DU LAC ARC [SSC]

Specialties: General Interest, Contest, DX, Digital Modes, School/Youth, Public Service/Emergency Comms, VHF/UHF

Call sign: W9EBV

Services: Help for newcomers, Entry-level classes, Higher-level classes, RFI help, Other

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FOND DU LAC, WI 54936-0053

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Name: MENOMONEE FALLS ARC

Specialties: General Interest, Public Service/Emergency Comms

Call sign: K9RHH

Services: Help for newcomers, Other

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GERMANTOWN, WI 53022-5124

Contact: PHILLIP REBENSBURG, KC9CI

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Name: LOCAL EMERG FIELD RADIO OP GROUP (School/Youth)

Specialties: General Interest, Contest, DX, Digital Modes, School/Youth, Public Service/Emergency Comms, VHF/UHF

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Services: Help for newcomers, Entry-level classes, Other

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Specialties: General Interest, Contest, DX, Repeater, VHF/UHF

Call sign: N9AW

Services: Help for newcomers, Other

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HALES CORNERS, WI 53130-2428

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Name: WATERTOWN AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, UA

Specialties: General Interest, DX, Repeater, Digital Modes, Public Service/Emergency Comms, VHF/UHF

Services: Help for newcomers, Other

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IXONIA, WI 53036-9401

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Name: TRI COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

Specialties: General Interest, Repeater, Public Service/Emergency Comms, VHF/UHF

Call sign: W9MQB

Services: Help for newcomers, Other

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JOHNSON CREEK, WI 53038-0411

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Name: RED CEDAR REPEATER ASSN., INC

Specialties: General Interest, Repeater, VHF/UHF

Call sign: K9KGB

Services: Help for newcomers, Other

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Specialties: General Interest, Contest, DX, Digital Modes, School/Youth, Public Service/Emergency Comms, VHF/UHF

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MADISON, WI 53711-3723

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Specialties: DX

Call sign: W9BG

Services: Help for newcomers, Other

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MAUSTON, WI 53948-0102

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Ham radio operators reach out and help hurricane survivors

By BOB PURVIS

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Huddled around a collection of ham radio equipment in a basement in Franklin, Bob Albert and Don Uecke listen attentively to radio traffic from areas devastated by Hurricane Katrina.

With cellular and land line phone systems destroyed by

the storm, a network of amateur radio enthusiasts are helping people trapped in the affected areas communicate with loved ones across the world.

Albert, president of the Milwaukee Repeater Club, like several hundred licensed ham operators throughout the region, has had his ears glued to

an emergency frequency established Wednesday morning.

The system allows operators to listen to traffic from their counterparts in Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama who are running radio systems on generators and batteries and in some cases put people in touch with or relay messages with their Wisconsin relatives.

"If I had a relative down in New Orleans, I can get on that frequency and tell the net manager that I have traffic for somebody in New Orleans and he can try and connect me with someone in New Orleans," Albert explained.

Amateur radio operators take special precautions for situations just like this, Albert

said.

"We prepare by having backup power systems and vehicles that have communication systems in them for things like this," Albert said.

If you are interested in contacting someone in the hurricane area, contact Albert at ab9fb@yahoo.com or Uecke at w4gerr@arrl.net.

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